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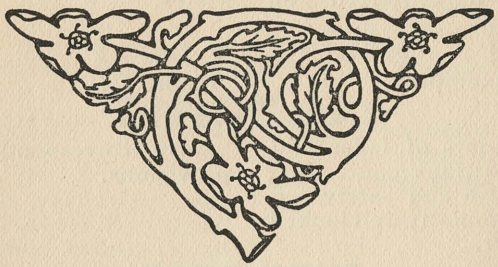

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WOMAN	MAN
CITIZENSHIP	
Acquires citizenship by marriage to a citizen though she herself may not be naturalized. Has also rights of naturalization conferred on man.	In order to become naturalized an alien must prove a residence of five consecutive years in the United States.
MILITARY DUTY	
Exempt.	Liable.
EMPLOYMENT	
Hours of labor and conditions concerning health and safety exceptionally well looked after.	No corresponding provisions.
JURY DUTY	
Exempt.	Liable.
DIVORCE	
In addition to same causes as man, non-support deemed cause for divorce. Court may require husband to pay alimony during pendency of libel and costs of suit, even though she brings it.	No corresponding provisions.
PROPERTY	
Of widow or unmarried woman above age of 21 to the amount of $500.00 exempt from taxation, provided her whole taxable estate does not exceed $1000.00.	Man has no corresponding exemption.

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SUPPORT	
Wife not bound to support husband and children. Not liable for debts incurred by husband.	Husband is bound to support his wife and children. Is liable for debts incurred by wife in purchase of necessaries appropriate to station in life.
Settlement Entitling to Support in Case of Need	
Acquired by residence in city or town for five consecutive years, although she may have paid no taxes. Married woman gains settlement if her husband has any.	Must pay taxes three out of five consecutive years of residence.
GUARDIANSHIP OF MINOR CHILDREN	
Rights of husband and wife substantially equal.	
PROPERTY AT DEATH	
Wife upon decease of husband may remain in his house for 6 months without rent; may also be given an allowance for necessaries appropriate to station in life — all in preference to creditors. Otherwise rights of surviving husband or wife in property of the one who has deceased are now practically the same.	No corresponding provisions.

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